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1 — On Quakes, Regulator Sides with Energy Companies, Texas Tribune, 11/3/2015

<https://www.texastribune.org/2015/11/03/quake-question-railroad-commission-sides-energy-co/>

The Texas Railroad Commission has officially cleared two oilfield companies of responsibility for earthquakes that rattled two North Texas towns — despite research suggesting otherwise.

2 — Utilities stay on sidelines as state fights carbon rules, Weatherford (TX) Democrat, 11/3/2015

http://www.weatherforddemocrat.com/news/utilities-stay-on-sidelines-as-state-fights-carbon-rules/article_0915b9da-8284-11e5-ba02-078978da1dac.html

The state is trying to block the federal government's new pollution rules, but many utilities in Texas that would be most affected aren't joining the battle, at least not visibly.

3 — Haze plan by August, EPA ordered, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 11/3/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/nov/04/haze-plan-by-august-epa-ordered-2015110/?f=news-arkansas>

A federal judge ordered the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday to submit by Aug. 31 a plan for implementing a 1999 haze rule in Arkansas.

4 — Senate blocks legislation to undercut EPA clean water rules, for now, Christian Science Monitor, 11/3/15

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2015/1103/Senate-blocks-legislation-to-undercut-EPA-clean-water-rules-for-now>

Democrats have blocked a Senate bill that would have forced the Obama administration to withdraw new federal rules to protect smaller streams, tributaries and wetlands from development and pollution.

5 — EPA finding of no 'widespread, systemic' problems under fire, Energywire, 11/4/2015

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2015/11/04/stories/1060027402>

U.S. EPA's science advisers are criticizing the agency's June announcement dismissing the dangers to drinking water from hydraulic fracturing. They are saying the assertion that EPA's study shows fracturing hasn't led to "widespread, systemic" problems with drinking water from fracturing needs to be changed, because the terms are ill-defined.

6 — States sue over EPA rule on new power plants, The Hill, 11/3/2015

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/258989-23-states-sue-over-second-epa-power-plant-rule>

Twenty-three states are suing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over its emissions rules for new and modified power plants. The states say the EPA exceeded its authority when issuing the rules, which look to cut down on carbon emissions from future power plants around the United States.

7 — Enviros decry NEPA streamlining provisions in highway bill, E&E News, 11/4/2015

<http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2015/11/04/stories/1060027413>

The language contained in H.R. 3763, a six-year House road and transit authorization bill, would undermine NEPA's "guarantee that potential environmental impacts are thoughtfully considered, disclosed and informed by public input," almost 40 organizations said in a letter to members of Congress sent earlier this week.

8 — Retired environmental engineer calls Brockovich post about Tyler water a 'crock', KSLA, 11/3/2015

<http://www.ksla.com/story/30428990/7-investigates-retired-environmental-engineer-calls-brockovich-post-about-tyler-water-a-crock>

After growing concern among residents about water safety, Tyler's mayor Martin Heines announced Tuesday that a news conference will be held on Wednesday at 11a.m.

9 — Failed Barataria dolphin pregnancies linked to BP spill, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 11/3/2015

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/11/failed_barataria_bay_dolphin_p.html#incart_m-rpt-1

Only two of 10 Barataria Bay bottlenose dolphins that were found to be pregnant in 2011, a year after the BP Deepwater Horizon explosion oiled the bay, had successful pregnancies. And the survival rate through July 2015 for adult dolphins that were given health assessments in the bay in 2011 is 10 percent lower than found in two studies of dolphins in un-oiled Sarasota Bay, Fla.

10 — Arguing about the costs of regulation, but ignoring the benefits (opinion), Including in a Porsche, The Hill, 11/3/2015

<http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/the-administration/258925-arguing-about-the-costs-of-regulation-but-ignoring-the>

Last week, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published its Draft Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations. (The report was eight months late, but that is a subject for another column.) Like nearly all of the annual reports since OMB was required to produce them in 1997, the report shows the benefits of regulation far exceed the costs under both Republican and Democratic administrations.

11 — Learn how recycling spurs economic development Nov. 10 in Angel Fire, Sangre de Cristo (NM) Chronicle, 11/2/2015

<http://sangrechronicle.com/2015/11/learn-how-recycling-spurs-economic-development-nov-10-in-angel-fire/>

In 2010 alone, New Mexicans spent \$51 million dollars to bury \$168 million worth of recyclable items. Are you interested in capitalizing on this waste while reducing the amount of materials entering landfills in New Mexico?